

Notes:

Today's sermon expounds Romans 4:18-5:2 with focus being on vv. 24-25: The words "*it was credited to him*" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. NIV

Now the words "it was credited to him" were written not only for him²⁴ but also for us. Our faith will be regarded in the same way, if we believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.²⁵ He was sentenced to death because of our sins and raised to life to justify us. ISV

Rom. 4:23 But the statement *it was credited to him* was not written only for Abraham's sake, but also for our sake, to whom it will be credited, those who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was given over because of our transgressions and was raised for the sake of our justification. NET

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.¹

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.²

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.³

¹ [Rom. 4:25](#); [1 Cor. 15:16-20](#); [1 Pet. 1:3-5](#)

² [Rom. 6:5-11](#); [Eph. 2:4-6](#); [Col. 3:1-4](#)

³ [Rom. 8:11](#); [1 Cor. 15:12-23](#); [Phil. 3:20-21](#)

Q. 44 How does the resurrection of Christ benefit us?

Christ arose for our justification, and by His power we are born to a new life and will one day be raised in glory from the grave.

Compendium of the Christian Religion

Service for the Lord's Day Good Shepherd Community Church April 29, 2012 – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering of the Congregation

Jesus to the Father: "*Here am I, and the children God has given me.*"

Acclamation: The Lord is risen! *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Hymn of Praise – 477P All Heaven Declares

Greeting- *Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven-fold Spirit before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Alleluia! Amen!*

Call to Worship- *Let us praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, in his great mercy, has brought us to life again through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!*

Rejoice! Come into his presence with joy and singing!

Let us exalt Christ Jesus our gracious Savior and living King!

Hymn-245P "God of Majesty and Splendor"

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – 466P "Jesus, Prince and Savior"

Humbling Ourselves before Our Righteous God

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance as we rise to new life in Him. We confess to you: (silent personal confession)

Let us pray together:

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. It is in Jesus' name that we pray,

for he is our Savior, and the mediator of the covenant of grace.
Amen.

Words of Assurance: *In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them. For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Believe the gospel. Receive God's forgiveness.

We Sing in Praise of God

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High Ps.7:17

Hymn- God Our Father – His Righteousness (8787D Austrian Hymn)

Reading the Sacred Writings

Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching."

1 Timothy 4:13

Old Testament- Isaiah 53:10-12

Reading of Psalm 118:15-29

New Testament- 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (creed)

New Testament-Acts 4:5-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymns and Songs of Truth

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Ps 96:2

Hymn- 456P–Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Hymn- 178P "Great Is the Gospel of Our Glorious God"

Prayers of the People

The Lord is to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. Ps 145:18

Prayer Concerns, Thanksgivings and Petition

Prayers of the People

Offering – *You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9*

Dedication Prayer

Hymn- 787P "Reconciled, I'm Reconciled"

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Text: Romans 4:18-5:2

Sermon: "Justified by His Resurrection" by Wayne Conrad
Hymn- "This Kingdom"

The Table of Grace led by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Allelulia! Christ, our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Allelulia!

The Invitation

Resurrection Faith

This is the victory for our God. Allelulia!

Words of Institution – 1 Cor. 11:24-26

The True Bread from Heaven – John 6: 32-33,35

Prayers of Thanks and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn -655P "O God, Your Mercy, Moved by Love"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Declaration of Victory

Closing Hymn- 446P Through All Our Days

Benediction- *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."* **Amen**
(Numbers 6)

Collect for a Sunday of the Resurrection

Almighty Father, who has given your only unique Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, 1945*)